Price control of the life-saving and essential drugs

@*211. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bring 65 life saving and essential drugs in the price control basket;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure availability of these drugs at control prices in the market in time of need; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) The prices of 347 bulk drugs including life saving and essential drugs are at present controlled under Drugs (Price Control Order), 1979. The New Drug Policy is not finalised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

*212. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi is facing serious financial difficulties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the finances and the working of the Corporation?

THE MINSTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Recently there was some industrial unrest in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi resulting in loss of production and consequential financial stringencies.

(c) Government is providing funds to the extent feasible, for operation, as well as for modernisation and technology upgradation schemes of the company.

भारतीय सीमेंट निगम द्वारा खरीदे गये बोरों के घोटाले की जांच

*213. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार भारतीय सीमेंट निगम द्वारा कलकत्ता से हाल में खरीदे गये बोरों के घोटाले के संबन्ध में कोई जांच करवा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह जांच कब आरंभ हुई थी तथा इसकी जांच किस एजेंसी द्वारा करवाई जा रही है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सीमेंट निगम के कारखाने अभी भी उक्त बोरों का उपयोग करने से कतरा रहे हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) : (क) से (ग) सीमेंट कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया द्वारा वर्ष 1984 में पटसन मिल की हड़ताल अवधि के दौरान और उसके आस-पास पटसन की बोरियां खरीदने पर किए गए व्यय की कुछ ऐसी घटनाएं ध्यान में लाया गई थीं, जिन्हें टाला जा सकता था । कारपोरेशन का सतर्कता स्कन्ध सितम्बर, अक्तूबर, 1985 से मामले की जांच कर रहा है।

Dual pricing system for public sector Goods

*215. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any measures to improve the efficiency of public sector undertakings, apart from increasing the prices of their products;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

@Previously starred Question 51. transferred from the 26th February, 1986.